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# The Southern Ute Drum

IHS VOLLEYBALL

## Thompson: Coming up Down Under

Volleyball regular earns international MVP

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Daughter of a five-time Idaho High School Activities Association State Champion head coach, and herself later one of her players at Gooding High, Brittanie Toone grew up quite familiar with the name ‘Shoshone.’

Particularly when she saw it emblazoned on uniforms across the volleyball net, and maybe no more so than during her junior and senior seasons – when the Lady Senators came up short in their hunt to gain skipper Jolene Toone a sixth crown, while their neighbors in adjacent Lincoln County celebrated IH-SAA Class 1A titles in both 2004 and ’05.

Life did go on, and Toone departed GHS in Spring 2006 ready for a college-basketball future at Walla Walla (Wash.) Community College – the volleyball head coach there happened to be an unrelated Tim Toon – from ’06-08. One of her classmates there, ironically, was fellow guard Katie Strunk, who’d been part of SHS’ back-to-back State Championships as well as a State Basketball Championship ending the ’04-05 season.

She’d be named Idaho’s Player-of-the-Year that winter, and earned First Team All-State as a senior when the Lady Indians placed third in ’05-06. Toone, meanwhile, would receive two Second Team All-State nods before graduating – owning a 3.88 grade-point average (Strunk’s was 3.94) – and helped Gooding save fifth (winning the consolation side of the bracket) at the Class 3A State Tournament ending the ’05-06 hoops campaign.

A little more than ten years later, ‘Shoshone’ suddenly



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio High School’s Shoshone Thompson, right, stands with her 2016 Down Under Games volleyball coach Brittanie Toone, herself a former v-ball standout at Gooding (ID) High School and later a college basketball player at Walla Walla (WA) Community College and Montana Tech. Thompson, now an IHS junior, was named Most Valuable Player though her team placed fifth.

re-entered Toone’s life.

But not as a potential opponent; Ignacio, Colorado’s Shoshone Thompson would be more a prized pupil of sorts for the math teacher presently posted at Gooding’s 3A-District IV rival Buhl, as her on-court extension at International Sports Specialists, Inc.’s 2016 Down Under Games.

“I first met Shoshone at the airport and she was wearing a boot. I was shocked at first and was thinking the worst, that she wasn’t going to be able to play,” Toone recalled in a detailed e-mail. “After I talked to her about it, the boot was more for precautionary reasons and ... she was to wear the boot when she wasn’t playing.”

“I wanted to go because I wanted a new experience,” Thompson said via phone, the morning of her departure from Australia. “I wanted to meet new people and I thought it would be really cool to get to play teams that aren’t from America. See how their skill level is compared to others in America.”

“I was relieved that she was able to play,” said Toone. “At first I was worried about ... my only setter because of the foot injury. It ended up working out great and she kept getting better and better every game.”

Playing with teammates hailing from Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and even

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WILDLIFE

## Hunting permits offered to first descendants

Damon Toledo  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

First descendants of Southern Ute tribal members are now eligible to be certified for hunting permits across the reservation – a new regulation that was recently granted by Tribal Council.

The decision was approved after a survey conducted by the Southern Ute Wildlife office, showed overwhelming support to allow first descendants of tribal members to be certified for hunting on tribal lands.

“The annual Cow/Elk hunt is happening in January, and historically it’s been available only to Native Americans,” stated Steve Whiteman, Wildlife

Division Head. “This is the first time first descendants have the certifications to hunt on the reservation. In order to apply for a permit, descendants need to get in contact with Tribal Information Services and provide a birth certificate along with another form of identification. After approval, they can sign up for the official permit at the Wildlife office. It’s important to know that a descendant’s parent must be an enrolled tribal member.”

“This is the first time this has been offered on the reservation, and tribal members have always been encouraged to join in the cow/elk hunt,” commented Aran Johnson, Wildlife Biologist. “When applying, there is a \$25 application fee as

well as a \$125 permit fee if certified. These fees only apply to non-tribal members and first descendants. Registered tribal members will not have to pay anything if they sign up. However, at this point, we have a limited number of permits, and we’re not sure how many first descendants may apply.”

When applying for a hunting permit, it has been noted that the applicant must have a clean record, which will be checked for any hunting and/or fishing violations.

The annual Cow/Elk hunt will be entering its 14th year, and will have a mandatory orientation on January 6, with the official hunt following after from January 7 through January 15.

GENERAL MEETING

## Growth Fund: Main focus at financial meeting

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

As fiscal year 2016 draws to a close, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted a tribal membership general meeting Thursday, July 28 to address the financial status of the Growth Fund, Permanent Fund and Sky Ute Casino Resort.

The meeting was planned to cover all three entities, but the daylong meeting only managed to address the Growth Fund’s portion of the meeting. With the Growth Fund known as the revenue generator for the Tribe, tribal members’ main concerns appeared to be with the Growth Fund.

Darrell Owen, Growth Fund Finance Director, provided an overall view of how FY 2016 was shaping up. Owen reported that oil prices have declined since 2014 and that this year oil prices fluctuated between \$26 to \$51 a barrel – currently the price is around \$40 a barrel. Natural gas has also underperformed, with prices ranging from \$2.92 MMBtu (one million British Thermal Units) to \$1.64 MMBtu.

On a more positive note, the real estate market is on the upswing and private equity investments are performing as expected, Owen said. Non-Energy Growth Fund entities are projected to have EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization) higher or near their budget.

“It is really commodity prices that have an effect on us,” Owen said.

Albert Brown, Growth Fund Operating Director-Energy, then discussed energy companies Aka Energy Group, LLC., Red Cedar Gathering Company, and Red Willow Production.

Aka is highly exposed to commodity pricing and has been impacted by lower oil and gas prices. The majority of profits are earned upon volume of natural gas that Aka processes, contractual commercial terms on that volume, and commodity prices.

Tribal members voiced concerns about Aka, asking Tribal Council why the Tribe keeps the struggling company.

“The philosophy of Aka is going to change,” Alex S. Cloud, Tribal Council representative on the Growth Fund Management Committee said.

Cloud said Tribal Council is aware of challenges faced by Aka, which is why changes have been made. According to Cloud, the Growth Fund Management Committee and Tribal Council will continue to monitor Aka to see if it recovers, and if not, other options, like selling the company, may be explored.

“There is a misconception that Aka lost money,” Brown said. “[Aka] is making less money than it was [in 2008] because pricing is much lower than it was, but it hasn’t lost any money at all.”

Brown went on to say that the Growth Fund based Aka’s EBITDA projections on higher price expectations. The results discussed at the meeting reflect the current pricing, which vary from the Growth Fund’s expectations in October of 2014.

To sustain revenue during the commodity price decline, Aka cut costs by decreasing field operating costs and staff reductions. But Brown said that Aka will not realize the full financial benefit of staff reductions until the next fiscal year.

The five-year plan still

looks challenging due to low commodity prices, but Aka plans to continue to reduce costs and increase revenues. Drilling activity is expected to grow with the commodity price recovery and, from 2020 onward, the Growth Fund projects EBITDA will return to more historical averages.

RED WILLOW

Red Willow Production Company is another Growth Fund company with lower profits because of lower commodity prices. A couple of years ago, the Growth Fund projected crude oil selling over \$90 a barrel and natural gas selling around \$4 MMBtu – nowhere near FY 2016 prices around \$40 a barrel and \$2.16 MMBtu.

Some of Red Willow’s responses to the low prices include managing capital and deferring or selling down or out of prospects.

For the future, Red Willow plans to keep investing in the Deep Water Gulf of Mexico and only selling down or out of opportunities as a last resort.

“We are not losing money; we are losing opportunity,” Brown said about selling down or out of prospects. “Even in the low price scenario, Red Willow is in a good position to deliver improving and substantial earnings over the next 10 years.”

RED CEDAR

Red Cedar Gathering Company is not as susceptible to commodity prices as Aka and Red Willow, Brown said.

Red Cedar hopes to optimize profitability in the current “low price environment,” control cost, and maximize tribal employment.

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## Fiesta of San Ignacio



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council threw candy out as they represent for the youth at the San Ignacio Fiesta Parade, Saturday, July 30.

Look for more San Ignacio Fiesta photos on page 7.





NATIVE LITERATURE

Winder shares ‘Words Like Love’ with world’s largest library

Staff report  
NATIVE NEWS ONLINE STAFF

From Turtle Island to performing internationally, Indigenous artists are promoting positivity and empowerment. Last month, Duckwater Shoshone, Southern Ute, and Pyramid Lake Paiute author and motivational speaker Tanaya Winder visited the UK with artists Frank Waln, Lumhe Sampson and Samschoe Sampson from Dream Warriors for an artist collaboration on sacred spaces.

During the trip Winder was able to deposit her debut poetry collection “Words Like Love” into the three major libraries in the UK. These libraries included the Liverpool Archives, the Bodleian Library at Oxford University, and the British Library in London, which is considered the largest library in the world by number of items catalogued.

Published in September 2015 by West End Press, her debut collection has since sold out of its 1st edition in less than six months. Now into its second print-run, the book and its messages continue to traverse many spaces including Canada, where its been taught at Western University in London, Ontario, Stuttgart Germany, where Winder performed at the opening of The North America Native Film Festival where guests included the Sila Singers, actress Roseanne Supernault, and



courtesy/SU Drum

Tanaya Winder (right) stands beside Francesca Fuentes of the British Library in London, England. During a trip abroad, Winder was able to deposit her debut poetry collection “Words Like Love” into the three major libraries in the UK.

musician Frank Waln.

While getting one’s book into such major libraries could be deemed a huge accomplishment, Winder says her favorite book tour visits have been to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, Solen High School in ND, the Red Lake Reservation in Minnesota, and her home on the Southern Ute Reservation. “I wrote the book I needed to read,” Winder says. “I love my people and where I come from. This book is a gift to everyone who has taught

me about love.”

Described as “a love song for a generation” by the Mvskok/Creek poet, musician, and performer Joy Harjo, “Words Like Love” will now make its way to New York City on July 30 and 31, 2016 where Winder will perform at the Lincoln Center Out of Doors events alongside poets Tusiata Avia, Toni Blackman, Moe Clark, Natalie Diaz, Baba Israel, Noel Quiñones, Terisa Siagatonu, Elisabet Velasquez, G Yamazawa, and Gustavo Zapoteco.

**Finance department which includes, Tribal Credit, General Ledger fixed assets (Tribal Distribution), Purchasing, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable and Contracts and Grants will be closed Monday, August 15, 2016 for training. Payroll will remain open during this closure.**

**Please plan ahead as Rush check processing will be unavailable on this day. Any travels that cannot wait will be reimbursed after the traveler’s return.**

Women talk business



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The 7th annual Women’s Business Conference was hosted at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center on Friday, July 22, and gathered an assortment of businesses from across the U.S. The conference hosted lectures throughout the day that focused on building successful businesses.



Kelly Manning, OEDIT director, speaks at the Women’s Business Conference.

Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost gives the opening introduction at the Women’s Business Conference.

Many Moons Ago

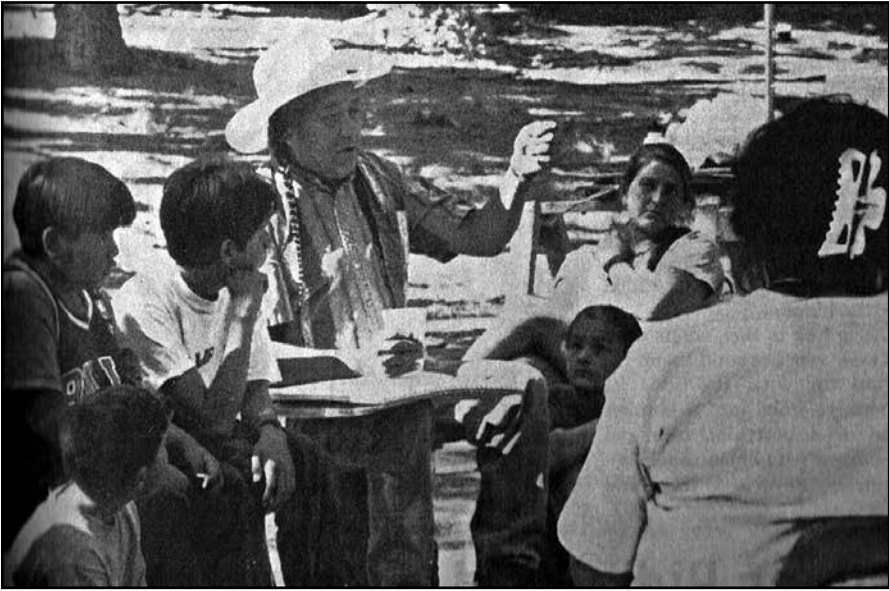


T. Santistevan/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Members from a proud Tri-Ethnic Community came out in full force for the 110th Annual San Ignacio Fiesta Parade on July 29th. Grand Marshall-Garnett Olguin.

This photo first appeared in the July 21, 2006, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Roberta Cook/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Stories of peace treaties and traditional customs were told by Orion Box to this group of campers and counselors attending the Southern Ute Cultural Outdoor Skills Camp last Wednesday, July 24.

This photo first appeared in the August 2, 1996, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

In traditional dress at Durango Fiesta are l-r; Melanie Box, unidentified dancer, Ramona Frost, Betty Box, Cheryl Frost (Miss Southern Ute), JoGenia Red; front row, Rhonda Frost and T.J. Frost.

This photo first appeared in the August 8, 1986, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

FRIDAY - AUGUST 12TH

SOUTHERN UTE ELDER LUNCHEON

12PM-1PM— SUCCM

MENU

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For questions please call 970-563-0100 ext. 2983

Southern Ute Culture Department



## A man in a white glove is adjusting a dark blue military jacket on a mannequin. The jacket has several pockets and buttons. Below the jacket are two small cylindrical objects with geometric patterns.

during this time will give visitors a chance to see a gallery exhibit in progress. The Southern Ute Museum is located on the Southern Ute Indian reservation at 77 CR 517, Ignacio, Colo., just south of the Sky Ute Casino and Resort. For information, call 970-563-9583. The Museum is open seven days a week, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Thursday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Admission is free. Come visit and see the transition for yourself.

Whiteman said of the logo, "because we need to see positivity, and to get it out to the people ... that they see that."

Inviting all eligible contestants for


# Southern Ute Royalty

For those interested in trying out for the Southern Ute Royalty. The Southern Ute Royalty Committee invites you to a round-table workshop with presenters.

- Miss Southern Ute
- Jr. Miss Southern Ute
- Little Miss Southern Ute
- Southern Ute Brave

August 16, 6-8 p.m.


Large classroom in the  
Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center  
Info: contact Twyla Watts at 970-563-5026



# 96TH SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR

## Contest PowWow

September 9, 10, 11, 2016 • Sky Ute Fairgrounds • Ignacio, CO



UTES AT GARDEN OF THE GODS

### LEARN EXHIBIT

Friday, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
Sunday, 12 p.m.

### WOMEN'S GOLDEN AGE (50+)

(Fri: \$1000, Sat: \$500, Sun: \$600)

Women's (18-49)  
(Fri: \$1,000, Sat: \$500, Sun: \$500)

- Fancy Shawl
- Jingle
- Southern Cloth/Bacchar
- Northern Cloth/Bacchar

Teen Girls's (12-17)  
(Fri: \$100, Sat: \$500, Sun: \$500)

- Fancy
- Jingle
- Southern Traditional
- Northern Traditional

Junior Girls's (7-11)  
(Fri: \$100, Sat: \$200, Sun: \$100)

- Fancy
- Jingle
- Traditional Traditional

### POWOW EXHIBITIONS

- Goshute Tribe: 970-265-3110  
info@gooshute.com
- Mescalero: 950-563-0253  
mescalero.org
- Goshute-Winter: 970-565-2104  
wintergooshute.com
- W.O.T. Fair: may be signed for  
at all dance and drum contest.
- Free Admission, Parking & Concessions

### POWOW HEAD STAFF

Northern MC: Merle Tandy  
Southern MC: Rob Danglerly  
Arena Director: Joaquin Hamilton  
Host Southern Drum: Yellow Hammer  
Host Northern Drum: Iron Boy  
Drum Judge: Jay Dandy Ball  
Host Grand Drum: Wild Band of Comanches  
Host Grand Dancers: Round Blackbird  
Color Guard: So. Elv. Veterans Association


### POWOW DRESS CODE

Opens: Friday, 5 p.m.  
Closes: Saturday, 2 p.m.

### ADDITIONAL SPECIAL EVENTS

Men's Northern Traditional (10+)  
In Honor of the late Jimmy Neches Jr.  
1st, 2nd and 3rd place  
Sponsored by Elise & Jerry Neches Sr. and Family

War Bonnet Special (10+)



In Honor of the late Russell Thompson  
1st, 2nd and 3rd place  
Sponsored by his Family

### TICKETS

Paid daily

### DREAM DINNER

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| <p>Southern<br/>Sat: \$10,000<br/>Sun: \$5,000<br/>Wed: \$7,000<br/>Thu: \$3,000</p> | <p>Northern<br/>Sat: \$10,000<br/>Sun: \$5,000<br/>Wed: \$3,000<br/>Thu: \$3,000</p> |
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### GOURD DANCE

Friday, 5 p.m.  
Saturday, 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.  
Sunday, 10 a.m.

### MEN'S GOLDEN AGE (50+)

(Fri: \$1000, Sat: \$500, Sun: \$600)

Men's (18-49)  
(Fri: \$1,000, Sat: \$500, Sun: \$500)

- Fancy
- Grass
- Chicken
- Southern Straddle
- Northern Traditional

Teen Boy's (12-17)  
(Fri: \$100, Sat: \$100, Sun: \$100)

- Fancy
- Grass
- Southern Straddle
- Northern Traditional

Junior Boy's (7-11)  
(Fri: \$100, Sat: \$200, Sun: \$100)

- Fancy
- Grass
- Traditional Traditional

### TENTED EXHIBITIONS

- Ancestral Crafts Booth  
Remona Chino: 505-402-8106  
(\$100 / \$20 per day)  
Bring your own
- Food Concessions (Outside)  
Kendra Alexander: 505-501-5543
- No alcoholic serving and/or  
tobacco allowed

**The Powwow Committee will not be responsible for accidents, injuries and theft. No Alcohol, drugs or weapons allowed!**

*Southern Ute  
Tribal Fair & Powwow*



*"Our Future Is Our Strength"*  
*Sept. 9-11, 2016*  
*Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Ignacio, CO, Southern Ute Reservation*

*Tribal Fair Logo and Theme Winner: Carlos Whiteman*  
*Tribal Fair info: Special Events Coordinator, 970-563-0100, ext. 2986*  
*Additional info: [www.southernute-nsn.gov](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov)*





## Peaceful Spirit open house



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Peaceful Spirit's Intake/Aftercare Coordinator, Esther Belin speaks with Tribal Councilwoman Amy J. Barry during the Peaceful Spirit's open house, Wednesday, July 27. Topics of discussion were, keeping traditional practices such as sweat lodge use; aftercare for patients who have completed treatment; and revamping and reorganizing a therapeutic community making each aspect of treatment beneficial to the clients. The Daughters of the Red Road and members of Healthy Spirits were also in attendance. Councilwoman Barry spoke about the center being reactive and not proactive, and to allow programs and the people to help the community. Access to sober activities, continuing monthly memorial walks, and the long-term goal of a new facility were also discussed.

Families enjoyed chili beans with all the fixings and Mexican cornbread. San Jean Burch and her grand daughter Odyssey Baker-Silva share a laugh with Margaret Hummingbird and Elisia Cruz during the Peaceful Spirit open house.



## Families get fit



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Shining Mountain Health and Wellness collaborated with SunUte Community Center in the Summer Family Fitness Challenge on Friday, July 22. Participants test their balance on one of the fitness stations at SunUte Park.




Dana Martinez from the Boys & Girls Club shows off her strength at the Family Fitness Challenge.

Cyrus Naranjo has fun during the Family Fitness Challenge.

### NOTICE

#### TRIBAL MEMBER HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM IN THE MAIL SOON TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS



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**JANE SAMPLE**

Identification Number:  
**ZUT123456789**

Group No: 000ZUT834

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RuPCH: PDMI

RuGRP: 99992763

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For information you can contact the following Benefit Coordinators:

Erika Atencio at 970-563-4704  
Cindy Gallegos at 970-563-4813  
Misha Weaver at 970-563-4716

### Ignacio residents are organizing! Ignacio Branch of Pine River Shares

We bring together the knowledge, skills and resources of people in the Pine River Valley in order to increase our collective power and work for positive social change resulting in healthy, thriving communities. Earn Money & Leadership Experience. JOIN US!

Thursdays, 1 – 2:30 p.m. at the ELHI Community Center  
For more information call 970-385-4747  
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### Ignacio Branch of Pine River Shares is collecting school supplies for Ignacio Students

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- Red Pens
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Look for collection boxes located around Ignacio.  
Central collection at ELHI Community Center.  
Distribution at the Pine River Shares Back2School Picnic  
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## MONDAY LUNCH SALE

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AUGUST 8 & 15, 2016

Come and enjoy a nice lunch with family and friends.

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Brisket on Fry bread with Green Chile  
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FOR MORE INFO: ELISE REDD 970-779-8149



Ignacio Senior Center  
970) 563-4561

AUGUST 2016

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| 9  | 10  | 11  |
| Oven Fried Chicken<br>Wheat Roll<br>Cauliflower &<br>Broccoli<br>Peaches             | Tortilla Burgers<br>Green Chili<br>Pinto Beans<br>Stewed Tomatoes<br>Fruited Gelatin        | Pork Chops<br>Stuffing<br>Green Beans<br>Whole Wheat Roll                             |
| 16   | 17  | 18  |
| Chicken Cacciatore<br>Parsley Noodles<br>Spinach<br>Wheat Rolls<br>Apricots          | Lasagna<br>Italian Veggies<br>Garlic Bread<br>Pineapple and<br>Oranges                      | Beef Enchiladas<br>Spicy Beans<br>Corn Confetti<br>Fruited Gelatin                    |
| 23   | 24  | 25  |
| BBQ Beef Ribs<br>Corn<br>Creamy Coleslaw<br>Whole Wheat Roll<br>Peaches              | Ham & Beans<br>Cut Broccoli<br>Scandinavian<br>Veggies<br>Cornbread<br>Mandarin Oranges     | Hamburger Gravy<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Spinach<br>Whole Wheat Roll<br>Pears            |
| 30   | 31  |   |
| Tortilla Burgers<br>Green Chili<br>Pinto Beans<br>Stewed Tomatoes<br>Fruited Gelatin | Curry Sauce<br>w/Beef, Potatoes,<br>Carrots, and Bell<br>Peppers<br>Over Rice<br>Pineapples |  |

The Senior Center also has trips throughout the Months:

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Movies- Nine Lives                            | 8.9  |
| Cholesterol Checks                            | 8.10 |
| La Plata County Fair                          | 8.12 |
| CSBG (Community Services Block Grant) Meeting | 8.17 |
| Lunch in Arboles                              | 8.18 |
| Capote Lake                                   | 8.19 |
| Dessert Social                                | 8.25 |
| Shopping in Cortez                            | 8.26 |
| Cholesterol Checks                            | 8.31 |

Elderly and disabled individuals who are not able to cook meals for themselves are eligible for Meals On Wheels, we provide meals every day of the week to be delivered to your home. Call the Senior Center for more information.

Elderly and the disabled, if you're in need of a transport for doctor appointments, grocery shopping, or errands call the Center for a ride. Transports are only in the afternoon due to our Meals On Wheels deliveries.





# Youth workers enjoy appreciation day



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Southern Ute Youth Employment Program workers, take a break from the office to enjoy a day of paintballing at the Full Blast Adventure Center in Durango on Friday, July 29.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

YEP Appreciation Day consisted of rafting for some. Pictured are l-r: ShaRay Rock, Dermarr Harlan, Larenz Wilbourn, Deanna Frost, Arla Duran, Lorraine Watts and Namichen Oberly.

***As summer draws to a close, tribal youth employees are ready to hand in their work badges for school schedules. To thank the youth employees for their hard work and dedication the Education Department's Youth Employment Program held an employee appreciation day for the youth employees and their supervisors on Friday, July 29.***



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Youth employees Jazmin Carmenoros and Caitlynn Schmeiser show off their fresh painted nails after youth employees enjoyed some pampering for their appreciation day on Friday, July 29.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Staff got a chance to enjoy some fun with their youth employees on Friday, July 29. Ciara Jones, Maria Trujillo and Kree Lopez gear up to head out on the paintball course.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Namichen Oberly enjoys the nice cool water while rafting for the Youth Employment Program's employee appreciation day held on July 29.

## EDUCATION

# Tribe bids adieu to Guenther

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

After three years with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) Coordinator and Youth Employment Program (YEP) Coordinator Mary Guenther is moving on.

Guenther, who is credited for helping get the Youth Council into the national spotlight, was recognized for her dedication to tribal youth at a farewell party Wednesday, July 27.

"Today we honor success," Chairman Clement J. Frost said. "She helped build the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council and get them where they needed to be; sacrificing her personal time for the youth."

Guenther was introduced to the tribe when she started serving as a JOM math tutor six years ago, La Titia Taylor Education Director said. When the YEP coordinator position opened up Guenther applied and got the job. After the Education Department agreed to take on the SCSYAC, Guenther was handed the duties of overseeing the Youth Council – all while attending college full time.

"[She] has been working with the department for three years now and the Youth Employment Program has grown and taken off and the Youth Council has grown nationally," Taylor said.

A little over a year ago, Guenther knew she wanted to attend graduate school and would be leaving her position. Not wanting the programs to lose momen-



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council member, Issac Suina thanks Mary Guenther for all the work she did on behalf of the Southern Ute youth while working at the Education Department.

tum, Guenther decided to apprentice a young tribal member to take over her role – Natelle Thompson was selected as her apprentice.

"She's been a great mentor," Taylor said.

Council Lady Amy J. Barry and Tribal Council's Youth Liaison agreed with Taylor and said she looks forward to Thompson taking on the role.

"You've done a wonderful job grooming Natelle, the kids think she is great as well," Barry said. "Change is good, change is scary, but we have a new tribal member that has new ideas."

Along with the Youth Council and YEP, Guenther is passing on responsibilities of the Jimmy Newton Youth Conference to Thompson as well.

Guenther, Thompson and ShaRay Rock worked tirelessly this past year planning and meeting with Tribal Council, Tribal Departments, family and the community to make sure the conference continued to be an event the youth look forward to.

"Mary and the staff work behind the scenes to help

the youth have successful programs," Taylor said.

Granddaughter of Sunshine Cloud Smith, Chief Judge Chantel Cloud, said she enjoyed her time working with Guenther.

"Over the years you have really helped the kids you have worked with," she said. "I've been so lucky to work with you, and I'm sad you are leaving, but Natelle is going to do a great job ... you have been able to teach her and guide her."

Thompson, a full-time student attending Fort Lewis College pursuing a degree in Sociology/Criminology with a minor in Psychology, said she looks forward to continuing to work with the youth and thanked Guenther for preparing her for the role.

"I'm happy to get a chance to work with [Mary], I've learned a lot. She's done really good mentoring me ... she's taught me so many things and I'm sad she's leaving."

Guenther's last day was Monday, Aug. 1; she will be attending CU Boulder this fall to pursue her master's degree in Multi-Cultural Education.

## Back to school dates

- Aztec School District: Aug. 12
- Farmington School District: Aug. 18
- SU Indian Montessori Academy: Aug. 22
- Ignacio School District: Aug. 22
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**LOCATION:** Southern Ute Education Building (Tan Modular)

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ENVIRONMENT

Youth conference focuses on environment

By Damon Toledo  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

From July 25 through July 27, the Environmental Leadership and Knowledge Seminar (ELKS) hosted a productive youth conference that studied on the fundamentals of air quality, water quality, and recycling. Youth participants gathered with members from the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to learn about the department’s duties. The conference was divided into three groups that focused on key issues – Methane Monday, Tainted Water Tuesday, and Recycled Waste Wednesday. Youth participants were given a variety of hands on activities instructed by members from the EPD.

“It’s great that you are all joining us for this conference, because everything you’re going to learn about is already impacting the reservation,” David Heermance, Air Quality Compliance Specialist said. “Having knowledge about how these departments preserve different resources will be a necessity for those of you who may want to go into the same field.”

The youth group kicked off the conference with a game of bingo where they identified various safety equipment and uniforms used in the work field.

Afterwards, Camille Keith from the J&R Environmental Programs gave a lecture on identifying acidic rain using dyes and a color chart. The youth group studied with an assortment of elements to determine



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Jon Broholm, Wildlife Technician brings out the fur of a mountain lion and lets the kids touch and get a feel for different animal furs, July 27 for the ELKS Conference.

what would be acidic.

“The group learned a lot on how serious these environmental issues can be,” Keith stated. “It’s important that everyone is aware of what impacts the Earth and our environment.”

Throughout the week, the youth group participated in activities that expanded on these subjects, including field trips to Ute 3 air monitoring station, Scott’s Pond, and Beaver Creek.

“The kids really seemed to enjoy learning about environmental issues,” stated Crystal Kelly, air quality specialist. “They’re enjoying the activities, and we’re happy to teach them about these different topics.”

Elijah Weaver who participated in the activities commented, “I like that we learned about how things impact the environment ... there was a lot of information given to us.”



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Elijah Weaver (left) tests different elements during a discussion about acidic rain with Camille Keith (right).

ENVIRONMENT

EPA seeks assistance from Ute tribes

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 met with the tribe to discuss the plan for the Bonita Peak Mining District proposed National Priority List Site (NPL), Wednesday, July 27. Several federal agencies are participating in the NPL process, including the Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service.

The EPA is looking to the Ute tribes for help with pointing out cultural resources in the area of the mine sites, as well as helping with the human health risk assessment.

As part of the superfund process, the EPA has to go through NEPA (National Environment Policy Act) for each of the 48 sites identified in the Bonita Mining District, Tom Johnson Environmental Programs Division Head said.

The EPA has to go in and identify the cultural resources within certain boundaries around the sites to see if there are any artifacts or old encampments, Thompson said. Often times an archaeologist surveys the area to determine where old historical sites are located in the area.

In this case, since the Ute tribes have a history in the area, the archaeologist wants to work with the Ute tribes to identify any potential historical Ute sites. The EPA is hoping the Ute tribes will be able to help identify locations that may be of cultural importance to the Ute people. Such sites may include trails or gathering sites.

NAGPRA reps Alden and Cassandra Naranjo were at the meeting to provide cultural guidance to the group.

Alden, asked that the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe be involved in tours and meetings to help determine what sites may be of cultural importance.

In additional to identifying culturally important sites, the EPA is also conducting a human health risk assessment.

Toxicologist and Human Health Risk Assessor, Susan Griffin said the EPA would be working on a study to determine the possible effects the mine sites have on human health. Which may be of concern to the Ute tribes since some plants, and possibly food sources, may be located in the proposed Bonita Peak Mining area.

“In the case of tribal resources the EPA wants to look at the plants in the area and see if they have been up taking metals,” Johnson said. “So that if the membership are gathering plants, fruit or berries from those areas they want to collect those and sample them to see if they have been impacted by the metals from the sites.”

For example, if there are willows in the area. Cassandra Naranjo spoke to the group about how the willows are used for making cradleboards. The assessment would help determine if the willows are up taking metals and if how people were using the willows would be harmful to their health.

“It would be helpful if any of the membership use plants or fish in certain areas ... it would be helpful for the risk assessors to know where those areas are ... then they can use that to help asses the risk to human health,” Johnson said.

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# Celebrating San Ignacio with a fiesta



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Isabela Torres is officially crowned as "Fiesta Queen" at the San Ignacio Fiesta dance, Saturday, July 30.



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San Ignacio Fiesta Royalty: Michelle Perez – 2nd Attendant, Jazmin Carmenoros – 1st Attendant, Tori Archuleta – 3rd Attendant, and Queen Isabela Torres.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Tribal members Jace Carmenoros, Nate Hendren, and Dewayne Hendren smile for the camera the San Ignacio Fiesta Dance hosted at Sky Ute Casino.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Kodi Rima joins in on the fiesta fun as she rides her horse in the San Ignacio Fiesta Parade.



courtesy/SUBGC

Augusta Burch program specialist for BGC stands with the winners of the homerun derby, 1st place Easton and 2nd place Scott.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

McKean Walton from team Ute Nation is ready to pitch the ball at the 2nd Annual Boys and Girls Club Softball Tournament.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum


Southern Ute Veterans Association carried the flags at the start of the San Ignacio Fiesta Parade, Saturday, July 30.

**The annual San Ignacio Fiesta made its return on Saturday, July 30. The fiesta opened with parade in downtown Ignacio and was followed by a variety of activities and events, including a horseshoe tournament and SUCAP duck races at Shoshone Park. Fiesta goers enjoyed the fiesta dance with the performance group Cuarenta Y Cinco at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center. Isabela Torres was crowned "Fiesta Queen", where she was joined aside by runner ups, Jazmin Carmenoros, Michelle Perez, and Tori Archuleta.**



courtesy/SUBGC

Winners of the 2nd annual Boys & Girls Club Men's Softball Tournament were Thunder McThunder Sticks. They defeated seven teams to win the championship, Saturday, July 30.



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## STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by “The Star Lady”

### ♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

**GREETINGS BIRTHDAY LIONS!** There’s a **NEW MOON** in your sign on the 2nd and it might be inspiring productivity, and creativity. **MARS** enters restless **SAGITTARIUS** on this day and it may have your mind spinning with ideas about travel. A financial bonus may brighten your outlook this month thanks to **MERCURY**, **VENUS** and **JUPITER** transiting a money zone. The big **BUT** in this picture is that the planets are urging a more conservative approach to your spending. What’s the harm **Big Cats**, it could be beneficial in the long run.

### ♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

Happy times fill your days this month when **MERCURY** in your sign favorably links with power house **PLUTO** on the 10th, and rejuvenates your ties to a loved one. Resolve differences, and move forward **VIRGO**. Your tiny sign ruler **MERCURY** enters a stand- off with **SATURN** on the 6th. **MARS** the argument planet might try to draw you into quarrels with family members this month. It’s best to avoid disputes, and turn your attention to more peaceful family interests. Enjoy Mother Nature’s gifts.

### ♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

August 2nd is sure to improve your mood **LIBRA**. The **NEW MOON** inaugurates a positive cycle regarding your hopes, and wishes. **MERCURY**, **VENUS**, and **JUPITER** are in a reflective, and thought provoking area now. They set up a healing of sorts that will enable you to achieve a mind, body, and spiritual union. Consider this connection a precursor to **SEPTEMBER** 9th’s arrival of **JUPITER** in **LIBRA**. It will then become a rewarding and transforming growth process.

### ♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

The **SUN** is high in the sky, and you may have a fine opportunity to find a good quality job, or make improvements in your current one. Whichever you choose, this might become an important month for you **SCORPIO**. The **FULL MOON** shines its light on family situations, property issues, and possibly on a housing matter as well. Be sure to let your mind be open to all potential opportunities. A mind set in stone will not work as well as an adaptable mind. Ideas can’t penetrate a brick wall **SCORPIO**.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

A summer renewal of energy comes in on the 2nd when **RED HOT MARS** bursts into your sign. Hold on **SAGGIES**, there may also be a tiny bit of frustration attached to some of your **AUGUST** activities. Relationships could be strained on the 6th when **VENUS** AND **MARS** square off. Do your best to keep a low profile on the 13th, and 14th as planetary influences might have you feeling on edge. You’ll be in a more sociable mood on the 16th and 17th when the planets move into a favorable position.

### ♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

Clear insight, and a fresh outlook arrives on the 10th when **MERCURY** connects with **PLUTO** in your sign. Focus on your priorities **CAPRICORN**. A few adjustments to your finances might be necessary when the **NEW MOON** on the 2nd, and the **FULL MOON** on the 18th , put the emphasis on money matters. Later in the month **MERCURY**’S retrograde on the 30th is certain to have you rethinking, and reorganizing your financial interests. Your best days this month are the, 10th, 17th, 22nd, 27th, and 28th.

### ♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

A brilliant **LEO SUN** shines in the partnership area, and the **NEW MOON** activates a fresh cycle. Legal matters have a chance to be resolved this month, and give you a green light to initiate your plans. This time you might employ smarter choices. The **FULL MOON/LUNAR ECLIPSE** on the 18th, (in your sign) signifies the close of an old, and perhaps troubling cycle. Through it all you have kept it together, and have learned a valuable lesson **AQUARIUS**. Now you’re smarter, stronger, and ready to enjoy life.

### ♓ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

A multi –layered stack of events could demand much of your attention this month Little Fishes. Both of **AUGUST**’S powerful lunation’s will be setting up situations for you to attend to. The planets are urging more diligence connected to work and health matters. Pay attention **PISCES**, **NEPTUNE**’S elusive, and confusing power continues to cloud personal goals, and daily chores. These are hot summer days, and they require more care for pets. Be sure they have shade, cool places to rest, and plenty of food and water.

### ♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

**AUGUST** means enjoyable and creative activities. The accent is on spending time with loved ones, and young ones, creating happy memories. On the 18th a **LUNAR ECLIPSE** in the sign of **AQUARIUS** arouses your yearning to push your personal ambitions to the front burner. The 17th’s **VENUS/PLUTO** connection gets underway and sets off a powerful, and positive atmosphere, where anything is possible. Sharpen your job skills, your appearance, and your mind. Go all-out and do your best on the 22nd **ARIES**.

### ♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

Home base, and family matters are the main focal point for **AUGUST**. Aided by the **NEW MOON** on the 2nd, old disputes can be put to rest, and inventive projects can be put into motion. After the 5th **VENUS** slips into a recreation zone and you might want to pursue more pleasant pastimes. It’s **SUMMER TIME** and the lively planetary trio of **MERCURY**, **VENUS**, and **JUPITER** beckon you to come out and play. Just a reminder **TAURUS**, stand your ground on the 13th, and 14th, and maintain clear vision.

### ♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

A sociable **SUN** puts the importance on communication, and projects within your community. **BIG DECISIONS** are best avoided on the 7th when **MERCURY** is caught up in a confusing opposition with **NEPTUNE**. Domestic changes may be in the works this month as the planets initiate adjustments to your household. It won’t be easy at first due to **MERCURY**’S retrograde on the 30th. Later on the 27th **VENUS** unites with **JUPITER** and helps lead you to a happy reunion with a family member. Celebrate **GEMINI**!

### ♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

**MONEY** is the main theme in **AUGUST**. The **SUN** in lively **LEO** heats up the main financial segment of your chart. Normally you’re very practical with money, but this month you might have goals or plans in mind. Unexpected surprises could pop up on the 16th when the **SUN** and **URANUS** join forces. A positive development concerning finances comes in. It’s a rare **URANIAN** situation, where anything can happen out of the blue. Pay close attention to your financial papers, and banking **MOON KIDS**.

Carole Maye is a Certified Astrology Professional with over 30 years of astrological study and practice. Private horoscope consultations can be arranged by appointment, via email: starwheels2@comcast.net

## GROWTH FUND MAIN FOCUS • FROM PAGE 1

### ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

Southern Ute Alternative Energy focuses on renewable energy sectors. The 2009-2011 economic

downturn limited the ability to expand the business plan, President of the company, Rebecca Kauffman said.

However, the outlook is quite positive for the company. The industry is active

with good investment opportunities, once capital is available, she said.

Challenges for the company going forward include matching the available budget to available opportunities.

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Nicole Y. Pearson

**Job title:** Administrative Asst. Wildlife

**Description of duties:** Performs office support for the Wildlife Resource Management Division.

**Hobbies:** Hiking, fishing, and crafting.

**Tribe:** Sault St. Marie Tribe of the Chippewa Indians



### Mike C. Colson

**Job title:** Tribal ranger

**Description of duties:** Patrol tribal land and ensure compliance with all federal and tribal laws/statutes.

**Hobbies:** Hiking, hunting, fishing, shooting

**Family:** Wife and two boys.

## Not goodbye, but farewell



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

James Price (left) shared his farewell meal with Tribal Councilman Melvin Baker and Tribal Chairman Clement Frost. On behalf of the tribe, Frost gave Price a bolo tie and he also received a Carhart vest. Price said he was going to relax and do some prospecting and work on his classic 1972 Charger. Price was hired as the Project Manager for the tribe in 2007, and then became the Tribal Housing Building Inspector in 2008.



Natalie Richards cuts her cake as she bids farewell to the tribe as the Vital Statistics Clerk, after numerous years of employment with the tribe. Richards is leaving her position to attend college as a full time student. Fifteen years ago, Richards was hired at the Sky Ute Casino in the custodial department. Working numerous jobs within the casino as cashier, slot tech, bingo, and security. She then worked at the Southern Ute Indian Academy and Head Start. She has also served on the Election Board and the Powwow Committee.

### VETERANS AFFAIRS

## Four Corners Stand Down

By Richard S. Schleeter

LA PLATA COUNTY  
VETERANS SERVICES

The main objective of the Veterans Service Office is to provide prevention, protection, advocacy and support services to veterans and their families so they can maximize their quality of life, well-being and potential. The La Plata County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) provides information and assistance to veterans and their families. There is a wide range of benefits available for our nation’s veterans. Every veteran is encouraged to contact the CVSO to find out more about their VA benefits. Your CVSO can assist you in any matter pertaining to the Department of Veterans Affairs. These services are free of charge. Please visit the La Plata County web site at <http://www.co.laplata.co.us/> for more information about what the La Plata County Veterans Service Office can do for you.

The La Plata County Veterans Service Office is co-located with the Durango VA Clinic at 1970 E. 3rd Avenue, Suite 102, Duran-

go, CO. 81301. For clinic appointments, call 970-247-2214. The Veterans Service Office phone number is 970-759-0117. Office hours are 8am to 12pm and 1pm to 5 pm, Monday – Friday, except holidays, and appointments are encouraged. Call (970) 382-6150 to schedule an appointment with the Veterans Service Office.

### FOUR CORNERS VETERANS STAND DOWN 2016

Thursday, Oct. 6, at the La Plata County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall, Durango, Colo., from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The La Plata County Veterans Service Office, Veterans for Veterans, and Disabled American Veterans of Durango and Pagosa Springs are hosting the third Veterans Stand Down for homeless veterans of La Plata, Archuleta and Montezuma Counties. This event will provide the opportunity to homeless and struggling veterans to regain the support, encouragement and resources to help them integrate back into the civilian world. The one-day event

will provide food, clothing, haircuts, medical and mental health attention, social services, legal assistance, job and housing referrals, workshops on resume writing and interviews, and much more.

The event in Durango will not only focus on the homeless veterans in our town, community and surrounding areas. We will be assisting at-risk and low-income veterans as well. All of the resources provided are to help them regain their confidence and self-esteem and to rebuild their lives in a positive, supportive way.

A Veterans Stand Down is a hand up, not a hand out. Readjustment and reintegration into civilian life is much more difficult than we can ever imagine. We encourage younger veterans who have recently been discharged to stop by and see what our community has to offer them during this time of transition.

We are seeking volunteers to provide resource tables for the veterans this day. For more information about this event or how you can help, you may contact either Peggy at 970-247-8589 or Jana at

## Drum Deadline

Next issue:  
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Aug. 15

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**2016 GENERAL ELECTION**  
**TWO (2) COUNCIL MEMBER SEATS**

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2016 General Election according to the Constitution and Election Code.

- **GENERAL ELECTION:** Friday, Nov. 4, 2016 – 7 A.M. to 7 P.M.
- **GENERAL ELECTION RESIDENCY DEADLINE:** Saturday, Aug. 6, 2016
- **STATEMENT OF INTENTION DEADLINE:** Monday, Sept. 5, 2016, by 5 P.M.
- **ELECTION BOARD DECISION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE:** Tuesday, Sep. 20, 2016
- **NOTICE OF ELECTION:** Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016
- **VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2016, by 5 P.M.
- **ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE:** Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2016, by 5 P.M.
- **EMERGENCY ABSENTEE BALLOT DEADLINE:** Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016, by 5 P.M.

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### Construction & Project Management Announcement

## Road Closure



Construction on the SU 106 “End of Trail” Road Improvement Project will begin in July, 2016 thru October, 2016. The road will be temporarily closed, however; access to the Cemetery and the residences shall be open and maintained 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In the event of a funeral, shuttle services will be provided to and from the cemetery, and work will be halted that day.

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**In the Estate Of,**  
**Francis Head Montana,**  
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Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on August 16, 2016 at 3:00 PM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.  
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Kelly Herrera, Deputy Court Clerk

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**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
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**Civil Subject**  
**Case No.: 2016-NC-0100**  
Notice is hereby given that Deion Torey Hudson AKA Dion Torie Thompson has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Deion Torey Hudson. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than August 22, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.  
Dated this 27th day of July, 2016.  
Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk



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### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

#### Boards And Committees Vacancies

**KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Open Southern Ute Tribal Member Seat on KSUT Board of Directors. KSUT is seeking an individual to fill the “Southern Ute Tribal Member at large” seat on the KSUT Board of Directors. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest to KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham. Letters can be emailed to [tami@ksut.org](mailto:tami@ksut.org) or mailed to PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Seat is open until filled .

**ROYALTY COMMITTEE**  
Attention Past Royalty, Fair Rodeo Queens & Tribal Elders. The tribe is seeking former Miss Southern Ute/Fair Rodeo Queens and tribal Elders to serve on the Royalty Committee. There are two positions open for a former Royalty/Fair Rodeo Queen. Initial terms are staggered, thereafter three-year terms will be served. To support the Royalty, by providing education in Ute culture and history, to promote and recruit applicants, to plan and host the annual pageant and royalty dinner, other duties associated with the committee. Will review/revise and as appropriate develop Royalty handbooks, code of ethics, review complaints and address disciplinary issues associated with the committee. Meets monthly, and works closely with the Culture Director, this is a non-paid committee. Interested Tribal members should submit a letter to the Human Resource Department at the Leonard C. Burch Bldg., in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Open until filled.





### Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.sugf.com/jobs.asp](http://www.sugf.com/jobs.asp) to view full job details and to apply online.  
Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.  
Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

#### Apprentice I&C Technician – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Close date 8/10/16

The purpose of the Apprentice Instrument and Controls Program is to provide specific training while gaining knowledge and experience through a structured training program to become an I&C Technician for Red Cedar Gathering Company under the supervision and/or direction of the assigned/designated facility supervisor.

#### Joint Interest Billing (JIB) Accountant III – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Close date 8/14/16

Under the supervision of the Assistant Controller, reviewing and recording transactions into the general ledger that pertain to outside operated properties and/or prepare the joint interest billings for partners in Red Willow's oil and gas exploration operations. Must have a working knowledge of the joint interest process and be able to apply analytical skills to complete complex accounting assignments.

### Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online.  
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137  
TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome  
Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

#### \*Bartender (Full-time)

Closing date 8/8/16

Provides an exceptional lounge experience by delivering first class guest service of beverages and cocktails. Mixes and serves alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and interacts with guests. Handles tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Completion of an accredited bartending course, or at least one (1) year experience in high volume cocktail service, preferably in a hotel, restaurant and/or Casino environment. Knowledge in food merchandising methods and techniques.

#### \*Cocktail Server (Full-time)

Closing date 8/5/16

Must maintain the highest level of guest service while providing cocktail and beverage service to Casino guests. Will prepare beverages prior to serving and will be required to lift and move up to 60 pounds regularly and will be responsible for monetary transactions. High School diploma or equivalency preferred. Must be at least 21 years old. Six months prior customer service experience and/or cocktail service preferred. TIPS certified preferred. Must have great guest service skills. Must be able to carry a tray of drinks.

#### \*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call/Full-time)

Closing date 8/12/16

Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must have 6 months experience as a table games dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in blackjack, three card poker, roulette and specialty games.

*\*Must be at least 21 years old.*

#### \*Poker Dealer (Full-time)

Closing date 8/12/16

Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have 6 months experience as a poker dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in poker.

#### \*Player Development Host (Full-time)

Closing date 8/5/16

Identifies, develops and creates relationships with gaming patrons. Facilitates VIP events that enhance the overall gaming experience. Fosters an environment that results in generating gaming related revenue measured by more trips and increased spending. Assists with all facets of the Bear Club and Player's Center as needed. Reports directly to the Player Development Manager. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have High School Diploma/equivalency. College degree is preferred. Must have two (2) years of experience in front of house casino operations; Gaming (slot/tables), Marketing, Player Development preferred, or at least four years related experience and/or training, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Must be creative and assist with special event planning, such as themed events, slot tournaments and off-property high profile events.

#### \*Slot Floor Person (Full-time)

Closing date 8/5/16

Providing excellent guest service to all slot guests and ensures that all gaming devices are monitored on a continual basis for full capacity operation. Reports to a Slot Floor Supervisor. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Previous Slot Floor Person experience preferred. Must have cash handling skills and be able to perform basic math including addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions and decimals especially as related to financial transactions.

### Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs). If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137

Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

#### Director of Justice and Regulatory

Closing date 8/11/16

Under direction of the Executive Officer, overall supervision of the Department of Justice and Regulatory, to include the Division of Gaming, Tribal Employment Rights Office, Environmental Programs Division (Water and Air Quality,) Detention Division, Tribal Rangers, Animal Control, Tribal Prosecutor, Tribal Public Defender, Ethics, Tax & Liquor, Victim Services Program and the Southern Ute Police Department.

#### Grant Writer

Closing date 8/8/16

Planning, writing, editing, and preparing grant applications; conducting prospect/foundation/federal agency research, working closely with Tribal staff members on grant application matters. Assisting in monitoring programs to ensure compliance with grant or contract regulations. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

#### After School Guide (Part-time)

Open until filled

Provides education and physical activities for the after school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after school program. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

#### Boys & Girls Club Program Aide (Part-time)

Open until filled

Assists in the implementation and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

#### Clinic Nurse

Open until filled

Providing professional and clinical services. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

#### Crisis Caseworker

Open until filled

Provides counseling referrals for resources available to victims of crime within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/hour.

#### Dentist

Open until filled

Providing administrative, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Organizes and supervises the work of the dental program to ensure that effective dental services are provided and quality standards are met.

#### Dental Assistant

Open until filled

Under dentist supervision, responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions.

#### Family Practice Physician

Open until filled

Providing comprehensive medical services and primary care with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

#### Gaming Investigator II

Open until filled

Under general supervision of the Investigator

III, incumbent regulates and controls Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

#### High School Teacher – Public Education

Open until filled

Professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Education Department. Teaches/tutors Southern Ute or Johnson O'Malley Program students in the High School during and after school throughout the school year. Designs and implements summer enrichment programs, performing student instruction and supervision, managing the programs and reviewing their success. Intent is to assist students in the educational process thereby increasing their potential for success. Based on a regular work year (261 days) with approved leaves and vacations available during periods of the year that do not require student contact.

#### Nurse Practitioner

Open until filled

Provides direct and comprehensive primary, preventive and therapeutic medical care to individuals across their lifespan. Clinical supervision will be provided by the Supervisory Physician.

#### Registered Dietitian

Open until filled

Providing nutrition care and education to individuals, families, and the community. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

#### Scorekeeper (Part-time)

Open until filled

Operates the scoreboard keeping up with balls, strikes, outs, runs scored, innings and alike. Keeps accurate written records of games. Turns in paperwork and game results to designated supervisor. Pay grade 12; \$11/hour.

#### Tribal Health Department Director

Open until filled

Professional executive management position with overall responsibility for the health services system and supervision of a variety of health related programs operated by the Southern Ute Tribe, which provides health services or health related services. Leadership for the design, implementation and effective operation of the health system in coordination with the Tribal Council, the Executive Officer, the Member Health Benefits Committee or any other similar advisory group, and the department leaders who at any time may have information or programs that interface with the health services system. Provides leadership and general supervision to divisions within the Department ensuring compliance with policies and procedures.

#### Umpire/Referee (Part-time)

Officiating in scheduled games and programs sponsored or coordinated by the Sun Ute Recreation Department. Under the direct supervision of the Recreation Manager. Programs will be run by the Recreation Specialists. Pay grade 20; \$21.32/hour.

#### Ute Language Teacher

Assisting the Coordinator of the Ute curriculum and Design in teaching the Ute language to the students, staff and parents of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIA). Employees will be trained to write the Ute language using the Charney system by coordinator of Ute Curriculum & Design.

### SUCAP – Job announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Program

Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-4517 • Fax: 970-563-4504

Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices • [www.sucap.org](http://www.sucap.org)

#### Early Care Educator

Closing date 8/12/16

For those who want to enhance children's lives. Education and coaching opportunities provided at no cost. Southern Ute Montessori Early Head Start has one Full-time position available. High School/GED and CDA, AA; BA in Early Childhood Education and one year experience in early child care in a provider setting preferred. Must pass background checks. Pay based on education/experience. Includes insurance, sick & annual leave. Call Melanie Brunson at 563-4566 for info.

#### Family Advocate

Closing date 8/12/16

Southern Ute Montessori Head Start. Required: Associates degree in human services related field; minimum two years experience in human services area. Preferred qualifications: BA degree; strong organizational/computer skills; collaborative skills; compassionate and willingness to partner with families; and ability to take initiative. Great benefits package and team environment.

### Election Board Notice

On Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 2016, due to security purposes the Election Board will be present in the North Lobby of the Leonard C. Burch building to deliver and receive the statement of intent packets for the potential candidates that will be running for office. The doors on the north side of the building will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thank you – Southern Ute Election Board



SUIT HR and Education Department Present

#### JOB INTERVIEW SKILLS

A Tribal Membership Event

Education Department

330 Burns Ave. Ignacio, CO

August 9th and 24th

12-1pm

Light lunch provided

Please RSVP to [jhunstiger@southernute.nsn.gov](mailto:jhunstiger@southernute.nsn.gov) before August 5th for the August 9th class, and before August 22nd for the August 24th class.

## NOW HIRING

Tuesday, August 9 • 10AM-2PM • Events Center

### CURRENT JOB OPENINGS

- Food & Beverage Servers
- Hotel Housekeeping Staff
- Front Desk Staff
- Security Officers

And many more!

We will be interviewing and hiring on-the-spot!

Apply on-line in advance at [www.skyutecasino.com/employment](http://www.skyutecasino.com/employment)  
You can also apply at the job fair, HR representatives will be there to assist you.

Benefits We Offer:

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TERO-NATIVE AMERICAN PREFERENCE; ALL APPLICANTS WELCOME  
WE ARE A DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE. YOU MUST BE ABLE TO PASS A DRUG SCREEN ON THIS DATE.





YOUNG BOXERS MILL • FROM PAGE 8

Ruger Valdez was unbelievable ... he just kept on coming forward.”

And also at the USA Boxing-sanctioned event held at the Regis F. Groff Campus, part of Denver Public Schools’ so-called East Quad of Far Northeast Denver, 14-year-old Mike Archuleta clashed with Gunnison’s Jim Luke Barber. Owning a two-pound weight advantage (162-160) but surrendering

five inches of height (5’7” to 6’0”) as well as some four years of progression, Archuleta lost by decision following three rounds.

“He had the power to really do some damage,” Coach Archuleta said. “Just fell short trying to land the big shots. Sometimes looking for that one-punch knockout can be bad for business. His game plan ... was to establish the jab and to work the

body a bit more.”

“Although he gave up some reach, age and experience, I thought he did great.”

For Mike, it was his first bout since he was ten, while Barber was inside the ropes for a fifth time.

Coach Archuleta also said that ROCBC will be heading back to the big city this month for an event in Thornton, “where we hope to bring home some wins.”

SOCCER HAS FOOTING • FROM PAGE 8

Pagosa Springs paced the loop with five (Brooke Bowdridge, Olivia Reinhardt, Hannah Marnocha, Hayley Mitchell, Alyssa Lewis) First Team honorees, and Bayfield followed with four (Maddy Duran, Bryannah Isiordia, Savannah Kaufmann, Taylor Morris).

Telluride and Ridgway each had three players chosen, with Maria Carrasco, Isabelle DeLuca and Taylor Gumble representing the Lady Miners and Alexis Lindley, Emma Haaland and Bailey Williams the Lady Demons. Alamosa’s Darby Bolt and Elise Tolley

also received First Team, as did Center’s Faith Stults.

Player-of-the-Year distinction went to Duran, set to walk on at NCAA Division II Fort Lewis College in Durango this fall, while Goalkeeper-of-the-Year went to PSHS’ surprising now-sophomore Diana Scott.

# LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

## Your weekend forecast!

### Friday, Aug. 5

**76°F cloudy**  
60% chance showers/thunderstorms

### Saturday, Aug. 6

**79°F partly sunny**  
40% chance showers/thunderstorms

### Sunday, Aug. 7

**82°F partly cloudy**  
30% chance showers/thunderstorms

Weather forecasts collected from [www.NOAA.gov](http://www.NOAA.gov)

### Ambient Monitoring

Current up to date, daily readings for Temp, Wind, Percipitation can be found on the Southern Ute's Environmental Programs Division, Air Quality Program website at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmentalprograms/air-quality/ambient-monitoring](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmentalprograms/air-quality/ambient-monitoring).

### Air quality

Good  
AQI – Ignacio: 18  
AQI – Bondad: 48

FLY-FISHING

Hugs can be good

By Don Oliver  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM



It seems every time I turn on the news there is a story about a law enforcement officer being shot and killed, or wounded just because they’re wearing a uniform. The people who work for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) are part of that group of uniforms. So, to show more appreciation for the CPW folks I suggest we redo a website that the Wildlife Council of Colorado has. It’s called [www.huganangler.com](http://www.huganangler.com). If you get television from Denver you may have seen their spots. I believe we need a website titled [www.hugacpwperson.com](http://www.hugacpwperson.com).

Even if you are on the waters of Colorado all the time, you may not know exactly what is the purpose of the CPW. I visited with Joe Lewandowski, who is the CPW public information specialist for the southwest region of Colorado. He directed me to the CPW website, plus gave me information that is hard to find on the website. He is a wealth of knowledge. Their website states, “The Colorado Parks and Wildlife is charged by statute to protect, preserve, enhance, and manage wildlife for the use, benefit and enjoyment of the people of the this state and its visitors. The creation of regulations by the Parks and Wildlife Commission and the enforcement of season dates, bag limits, and license requirements facilitate wildlife management objectives such as: determining the numbers and types of wildlife taken, and providing

opportunities to hunt, fish, or engage in other wildlife-related recreation.” That’s a lot to do. They do this with 886 permanent employees, and 1,059 temporary employees.

This group of people watches over, and takes care of 42 parks that encompass 220,385 acres, and 346 state wildlife areas totaling 679,000 acres. Within those areas, anglers have access to 2,000 natural lakes, 800 reservoirs, and 9,500 miles of streams. To help keep the fish populations stable, there are 19 hatcheries that stock 90 million fish annually. These numbers don’t take into consideration all the national forests the CPW works in and monitors. The budget for 2014-15 was 213.9 million dollars. Any way you want to break the budget down, it’s a lot of work for not much money. Money for the CPW comes from licenses, grants, the federal government and severance taxes. None of it comes from sales tax.

For those of us that fish in Colorado we are most likely to come into contact with an employee of CPW that is either a park ranger of wildlife officer. We sometimes refer

to them as game wardens. They are that, and more. To start with they are certified Colorado peace officers. That designation in and of itself is hard to earn. The peace officer rating is needed because not only do they deal with violations in the forest; they are also called in to work against organized crime and drug cartels. But, before that designation is earned, a person wanting to have a career with the CPW needs at least a bachelor’s degree in biology, natural resource management, parks and recreation administration, or some other closely related field. Obviously, it is not easy to be CPW officer or one of the many people you never see.

So, how do we as fishermen behave on the rivers and lakes? In 2015 the CPW issued 5,209 total citations. We as fishermen accounted for 1,626 of those violations. We can do better.

As my conversation with Joe wound down I asked him, “What is the number one thing the CPW needs from the people using all of our natural resources?” Joe gave me two items, “realize what all the CPW does, and be supportive of higher licensing fees.” Because I’m a senior my fishing license cost me \$1.00 this year. I think it is time our fees for in-state licenses comes to a level that helps the CPW do their job.

But, let’s not only raise the fees. Let’s give some hugs and thank you’s to the people of the CPW. And, while you’re at it, don’t forget all the other law enforcement people you meet.

SUPD  
Momma’s right arm

By Don Folsom  
SU POLICE DEPT.



As a little child, riding in the car in the days before seatbelts, I remember my mother braking really hard and simultaneously reaching her right arm out to pin me back in my seat. It happened so fast; I thought I had been slammed back in the seat by a football player and not my mother. I couldn’t accurately judge the speed or the amount of force my mother used, but it was impressive.

In the old days, what mother would brake real hard just to watch their child slide off the vinyl front seat (like it was greased) and be hurled towards their vehicle’s massive metal dashboard and not try to catch the child? It was the only protection a caring mother had available in the old days.

I tell this story because today we have child passenger restraints, air bags, anti-lock brakes, electronic stability control, collision avoidance systems, crumple zones and other incredible lifesaving technology that is better than momma’s right arm during braking. None of this wonderful technology can work if momma doesn’t use it.

Today, with all the technology available, some parents are not being very caring. Within the last couple of weeks, the Southern Ute Police Department has pulled over several uncaring parents on traffic stops. The children were either not in their car seats

or no car seats were inside the vehicle. Some children were even standing up inside the car when the officer made the approach to the driver.

Momma’s right arm is not a suitable safety device for a caring parent compared to today’s technology. One loose child ricocheting around the inside of a vehicle during a crash can kill other siblings and even parents within the vehicle.

All of these parent’s had excuses for why their children were not being protected. None of the excuses were valid or reasonable enough make up for their lack of caring. Whether an underage child placed on a passenger seat in front of an airbag that could kill them or the child is strapped to a car seat that is left unstrapped to the car, no parent should be allowed to put their child in danger of injury or death when there are so many ways to prevent it.

Momma’s right arm might have been all she had back in the day but the truth is, children still died. Children are better protected today but only if we use that protection. The Southern Ute Police Department would like to see more people using that protection. A child passenger safety technician is available at (970) 563-0246.

# THREE DAYS, TONS OF FUN AND MOTORCYCLES

## 2016 LABOR DAY BIKE GIVEAWAY

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

#### Harley-Davidson Road King

### HARLEY-DAVIDSON ROAD KING

Earn entry tickets August 21 thru September 2, when you play the slots with your Bear Club Card. Earn Bonus entries when you play 777 on Tuesday, August 30, and the Motorcycle Reveal Kiosk game on Thursday, September 1. Finalist drawings Friday, September 2, every hour from 5PM-9PM. Grand Prize drawing at 9:15PM. Runners up will each receive cash prizes ranging from \$250 – \$1,000.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

#### Indian Scout

### INDIAN SCOUT

Earn entry tickets Friday, September 2 and Saturday, September 3 when you play the slots with your Bear Club Card. Grand Prize drawing will be held at 9PM on Saturday, September 3.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

#### Indian Chieftan Dark Horse

### INDIAN CHIEFTAN DARK HORSE

Earn entry tickets Friday, September 2 thru Sunday, September 4, when you play the slots with your Bear Club Card. Grand Prize drawing will be held at 9PM on Sunday, September 4.

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Actual motorcycles not shown. Rules apply. See Players' Club for details.